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Draft Site-Wide Environmental  
Impact Statement for the  
Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant  
U.S. Department of Energy

**Written Comment Form**

My name is Renee Bliss. I attend UT in Knoxville. I am very opposed to the production of nuclear weapons. From what I have heard in the hearing so far, many are concerned about their jobs. While I sympathize with the workers, everyone needs to stop a minute and think about our Earth. Everything we conceive and perceive is connected to the Earth. There is a comprise that can be made in this situation. Jobs can be given to clean up Oak Ridge instead of further polluting it. Even more, look at what bomb production is doing to our world's stability. If we build more bombs, we are telling the world that no one can be trusted. Is this how we really want to live? I don't. Let's build peace, not weapons.

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Mr. Gary Hartman  
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**Comment No.1**

**Issue Code: 16**

Comment noted. In accordance with Section 91 of the *Atomic Energy Act*, DOE carries out its mission (i.e., atomic weapons activities) consistent with the consent of and direction from the President and Congress. This consent and direction are contained in the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Memorandum. The issue of whether DOE should produce nuclear weapons is beyond the scope of the Y-12 SWEIS.

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**Comment No. 2**

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DOE recognizes that it has facilities which require some level of environmental cleanup. Most of the facilities at Y-12 were designed and constructed in the 1940s and 1950s, prior to today's environmental requirements when the understanding of waste management principles was not what it is today. Over the past several years, DOE has had a very aggressive facility upgrade and clean-up program and has worked with EPA, the states, stakeholders, and the general public to clean up its facilities to acceptable levels. To date, DOE has completed numerous clean-up activities and is aggressively working toward the cleanup of its remaining environmental problems. Actions taken to continue Y-12 weapons support missions operations and construction and operation of new facilities for the HEU Materials and Special Materials missions at Y-12 would not be inconsistent with nor impact these ongoing clean-up activities.

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